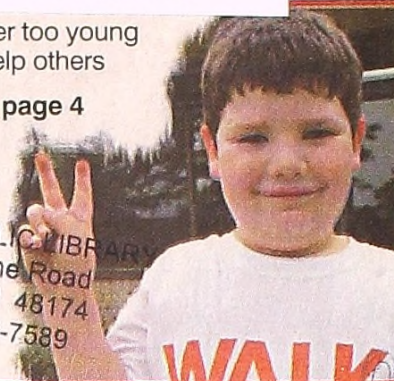




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News in brief

School gets recognition

Romulus Community Schools received notification that the Barth Bears News program has been selected among the best examples of high-quality educational programs in the state by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The program was designated as a 2008 recipient of the Michigan's Best Award from the program.

Barth Bears News was established to provide students with an opportunity to learn more about the fields of reporting, interviewing and daily news production.

The program also fosters skills as students meet the technical, linguistic and interpersonal communication challenges involved in producing a daily news program.

Programs that were recognized as one of Michigan's Best are judged by an independent panel of experts in several areas.

Winners are chosen based on uniqueness, and educational impact.

Inkster tables master plan payment

Inkster City Council members tabled a measure to pay a portion of a study that provided information regarding the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Master Plan at their regular meeting Monday.

The \$11,830.77 payment is the Inkster portion of the cost of a study that was used by the cities of Romulus, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and others to determine the environmental impact an expansion would have on the municipalities.

Council members, however, questioned the amount of the payment and the methodology used to determine that amount. Councilman Courtney Owens said he was concerned some of the invoices incurred by the cities pre-dated the involvement of Inkster in the fight against the master plan.

Mayor Hilliard Hampton suggested that the council invite Romulus Economic Development Director Tim Keyes to an Inkster meeting to discuss the amount in the near future.

The airport master plan would have resulted in a loss of land for Romulus because the plan included a fifth parallel runway along Eureka Road.

Romulus officials were concerned about the land, but other cities – like Inkster – were mainly concerned about louder, and more frequent, aircraft noise.

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Soldier remembered

The Ball Road Tabernacle Church recently honored a Romulus soldier who gave his life in the line of duty aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk on Dec. 11, 1973. Resolutions were presented to the family of Michael Deverich by Council Chairman Randolph Gear on behalf of Mayor Alan R. Lambert and the Romulus City Council. Ball Road Tabernacle Pastor David Holt while presenting a tribute plaque to the Deverich family, said, "This memorial tribute to the heroism of Michael Deverich is long overdue." The program, which was called, "Beyond the Call of Duty," featured guest speaker Edward Rieth, who was severely injured while fighting the fire aboard the ship. Ross Medos, the commander of VFW Post 4434, presents poppies given by each member of the honor guard to Michael Deverich's mother, Helen.

Forum topic will be high dropout levels

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A meeting will take place today to address the higher-than-average high school dropout rates in several area school districts and public school academies.

The meeting was convened by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and partners — the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan's Children, Michigan's Charter Schools, Michigan's Promise and Michigan Future. It will be hosted by the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), and is one of 10 planned hearings aimed at finding new ways to encourage students to stay in school.

"We have to continue broad community conversations about this problem to better identify what works — and what doesn't — in making sure students get a quality high school education," said Iris K. Salters, the president of the MEA. "And then we must work together in our communities to make it happen."

According to district-by-district data provided by Michigan Department of Education, half of

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Iris K. Salters

the school districts and two-thirds of public school academies in Wayne County have dropout rates above the state average of 15 percent, including Romulus Community Schools, which posted a figure of 15.58 percent.

Dropout rates have become troublesome in Michigan, where there is an ongoing effort to encourage post-secondary education in addition to high school. Dropping out causes would-be students a lifetime of hardship that can be avoided providing some safeguards are put into place.

"These students face a lifetime

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Airport concessions bring jobs, security

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The new concessions at the recently opened North Terminal at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport are providing 740 jobs for area residents, according to numbers from the airport authority.

The concessions, which will serve travelers arriving and departing from the airport, represent \$7 million in new revenue at the airport, said Wayne County Airport CEO Lester Robinson.

"Our new North Terminal concession program will completely transform our passengers' restaurant, retail and service experience at the airport," he said.

New businesses at the terminal include 35 specialty shops and 21 restaurants. Those businesses include the Coffee Beanery,

the Hockeytown Café, Gayle's Chocolates, the Earl of Sandwich, the LeBoulanger Bakery, TGI Friday's, Ruby Tuesday's and Champps America, a popular sports bar.

Other more common businesses include McDonald's, Pasta Bravo and Villa Pizza.

More important to people in the immediate area is the jobs picture.

Michigan is still struggling with the loss of several thousand manufacturing jobs, and is currently posting an unemployment rate substantially higher than other states. According to numbers collected by the State of Michigan, Wayne is still the county most in need of new jobs because the area is heavily dependent on the Big Three automakers.

The State Department of Labor and Economic Growth indicated that jobless rates grew year-after-year, which is the most accurate picture of job growth. From July 2007 to July 2008, unemployment

rates rose in all 17 major labor markets.

According to the numbers, Wayne County is hurting more than the rest of the state, which has an unemployment rate of about 8 percent. In Wayne County that seasonally unadjusted number is 10.9 percent.

The \$430 million new terminal will have 26 gates and house several airlines. The building could accommodate more airlines, which could in turn create more jobs.

In Romulus, the jobs are music to residents' ears because they

have materialized, when other more grandiose plans have not.

Legislation that would have paved the way for an Indian casino in the city to open failed to pass muster in the U.S. House, and it is unclear if a casino will ever open in the city — and bring the 3,000 jobs the develop-

ment would have brought with it.

Last month, a bill that would have allowed the Sioux to open a casino near the airport — which is not an Indian reservation — failed to garner enough votes for approval. The bill would have allowed the tribe to open a casino off-reservation.

The bill was opposed bitterly by officials from Detroit, who felt a casino in Romulus would have caused unwanted competition for the three Detroit gaming halls.

A plan for a harness racing track also fell apart last year, when Canada-based Magna Entertainment decided to drop out of the development. A track was later developed in Huron Township.

With the addition of the North Terminal, there are more than 120 shops and restaurants in the confines of the airport.

The construction of the North Terminal brought 3,200 construction and building-related positions to the community.



Good times

The back-to-school season means a lot of work for young students, but at least one church sponsored an event to let children blow off some steam before they hit the books. Cutting Edge Ministry organized a "Back to School, Family Fun Fest" on Saturday for students and their families. In spite of the rain, everyone had a great time, organizers said. Pastor John Smith shows his proficiency with the keyboard during a sing-along.

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Area mourns death of Chesley Odom, 65

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Long-time Belleville area resident and business owner Chesley Odom will never be forgotten.

Odom, 65, died late last Tuesday night at the University Hospitals in Ann Arbor after complications from a stroke. He was surrounded by his friends and family, who will remember him for not only the signature beret he wore around town, but also his many artistic contributions to the community.

"It's a huge loss for the community," said Janet Millard, former director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and friend of Mr. Odom for more than 20 years.

"I remember when he first joined the chamber in 1988. He was one of our past presidents, who's done artwork for us and of course, he designed the famous Belleville Bridge.

"He walked to a different drum, but you find that with a lot of artists. He had so much talent and there's so many good memories," she added. "How he envisioned things, could draw and create left me in awe. I'll remember all the different projects we worked on

together."

Mr. Odom, owner of Chesley Odom Design Associates in Belleville, was married to Virginia for more than 42 years. Together they raised four children—Chesley Odom, Jennie Colarossi, Monty Odom and Angelique Odom. He also has six grandchildren and 11 nieces and nephews.

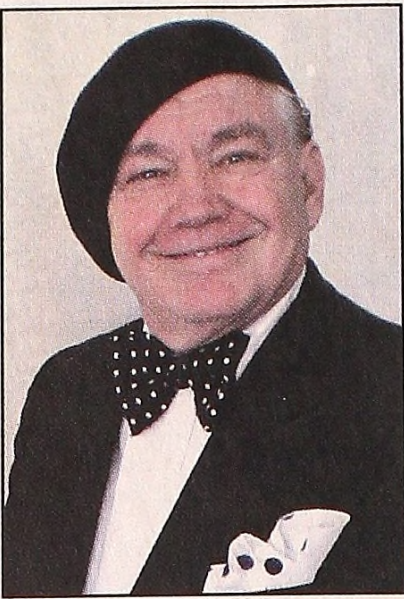
Mr. Odom was a well-known artist and designer, including projects like the Coleman A. Young Recreation Center in Detroit and the La Shish restaurants. Besides the arts, Mr. Odom also enjoyed music, golf and boating. He was a social person who never met a stranger and loved helping people, according to his family.

Mr Odom also filed as an independent candidate for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees for the November ballot. Many are still shocked by the sudden loss.

"He would have done a wonderful job if he got that position," said Millard. "He did a lot of great work."

Barbara Rogalle Miller, a friend for many years, actually brought Mr. Odom and his family to the area in 1967, she said.

"I helped him find his home



Chesley Odom

because he said he always liked this community," said Rogalle Miller.

Mr. Odom was genius, gifted, opinionated and a true gentleman and friend, she said. His number of years on the arts council and his need for more to be done to the Belleville Bridge are some of her fond memories.

"He was such a great presence that you didn't even know how much he was doing," said Rogalle Miller. "Every time you worked on

things with him he had a great time. We both had businesses on Main Street and if he was working late or I was, he would stop by the office and talk, even if it were for a few minutes. That's what I'll miss the most."

"He was larger than life and a breath of fresh air in this community," said Kelly Boelter, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. "He was legendary for his antics, but he had a really big, caring heart. He used to come into the chamber office each morning and I expect to see he walking in right now."

"His spirit lives on," she added.

Mr. Odom was a member of many organizations, including the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Men's Club, where he planned dances and won the Man of the Year award. He was also a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, an alumni of the College of Creative Studies and a former Wayne County Volunteer of the Year.

"He was very active in the men's club and was instrumental in our dinner dances and raffles. His relationship with the commu-

nity made us decide he was the 'Man of the Year,'" said John Krcmarik, past president of the men's club. "He was his own, unique individual. He will be sorely missed."

"He was a generous spirit and our community was blessed to have him with us for these decades," said Rogalle Miller. "He just made everything better and fun and he knew how to do it. All those gifts he gave generously here for nothing; he's too important to the community to let him go."

Memorial contributions to the Belleville Area Council of the Arts or the American Stroke Association would be appreciated by the family.

Sea Quest Kids program 'sails' into area

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Children get your sea legs ready because 'Sea Quest Kids' is coming to Van Buren Township.

The official boat-building and water safety program will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 27 and 28 at the Van Buren Park boathouse. The program, part of Advance America Foundation, is fairly new to Michigan, according to Jennifer Wright, deputy director of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation.

"Belleville Lake is underutilized, especially by the city kids because it's hard for them to get out there, so this is great for kids to be able to build a boat together, get out on the lake and also learn skills like math, science and vocabulary," she said.

Administrators were trained for the program on how to cut the wood and how to build the 10-foot paddleboats. The free event—which includes lunch—will have one day dedicated to building the boats, while the next day will be the actual boat rides. All ages and disabilities are welcome, organizers said.

"Ken Askew of Belleville actu-

ally brought the program to my attention, which sounded great," said Wright. "The kids get to build it, paint it and ride in it, plus they get to make a paddle and take that home with them."

"I think the kids will enjoy doing the build themselves, being their own leader and the satisfaction of knowing that they built a boat," she added. "They'll be able to use it and it's different because it's not a competition; they're trying to make something as a team."

Askew, who's a sailor, said he, too enjoys building boats for Belleville lake. He hopes the children have fun and it's a way to bring more sailing to lake, too.

"Sailing is a fascinating sport," he said. "It teaches people to be environmentally conscious and develops an interest between the sailor and the environment."

"It (Sea Quest) also connects kids with a national organization, so for example if there's an off-shore race somewhere, there's usually ones for Sea Quest Kids, too," he added. "If we can bring those advantages to Belleville, that'd be great."

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department will also offer instructions on proper

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Jennifer Wright

boating and water skills during the program. The Belleville Rotary Club funded the first year Sea Quest Kids in Van Buren.

"In future years sailboats can be built for \$250-300 so each year we can add more and more boats and kids to the lake; the program has a lot of features to it so it's encouraging to bring it here," said Askew. "It's also a good opportunity for people on the lake who have had experience on boats to share with the kids."

"There's so much we can add so if we don't get enough participants this time around, we will host one in the spring," said Wright.

The township is also looking for volunteers to assist in building the boats. To help or for more

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While Christmas is more than three months away, the Plymouth Goodfellows and the Plymouth Salvation Army members have begun their efforts to help local families in need.

Plymouth Salvation Army is now accepting applications from families who will need assistance during the holidays.

As the Goodfellows are looking for community volunteers, Plymouth families who are experiencing financial hardships must

call the Salvation Army to set an appointment. Candidates will be interviewed on Tuesdays and Fridays Oct. 14 through Nov. 14. Applicants will need to bring photo identification for all household residents, proof of household income and expenses. For more information on the assistance program contact the Salvation Army at (734) 453.5464. Applicants from the Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville areas are eligible.

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Pumpkin Festival begins on Friday

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee had to cope with reduced revenues this year, but organizers promise an array of activities that should mask that fact.

Maria Lambert, chairwoman of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, said there are many new aspects of the festival, and a few staples have been removed.

“We brought in new activities this year, and we think they are the kinds of things that appeal to people of all ages and interests,” she said.

New this year is a pumpkin tossing contest. Players will compete in age designations to find out who can chuck a pumpkin the farthest.

Out this year is the Teen Tent, which was introduced two years ago, but turned out not to be as successful as originally intended, Lambert said.

“The teenagers wanted to be out and about where everyone else is,” she said. “I can’t say I blame them – they want to be action is.”

Ellen Craig-Bragg, the coordina-

tor of the entertainment portion of the festival, said she believes new sounds will help revitalize the festival.

“We have four new bands this year, so that will be different,” she said.

The Pumpkin Festival is the largest city-sponsored event to happen on an annual basis in Romulus. It typically attracts residents from the entire Wayne County area. The festival has grown exponentially since its inception in 1997 – 200 vendors will line the streets of downtown Romulus, along with nine musical acts and many activities for young and old.

This year, several area groups will get some help from the festival, as well.

Bingo will once again take place at the senior center on Saturday and Sunday, with the proceeds going directly to the fund to build a new animal shelter.

Also, Lee Norwood, a former Detroit Red Wing, will spend Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival in support of the 2008 Romulus Goodfellows’ “No Child Without A Christmas” campaign.

M.J. White & Son, Inc., a local



Several thousand area residents will travel to downtown Romulus for the 11th Annual Pumpkin Festival.

disaster restoration specialist offered to bring Norwood to sign autographs and help sell raffle tickets for a chance to win a four-pack of Red Wing Tickets. The tickets, also donated by M.J. White & Son, Inc., are for the Nov. 26 Red Wings home game where Detroit will face off against the Montreal Canadians starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be offered for a \$5 donation and are available at the festival.

The winner will be announced at the Romulus Goodfellows Inc. general membership meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Romulus City Hall council chambers. Although contestants need not be present to win, anyone interested in helping out with the 2008 Romulus Goodfellows’ project is welcome to attend.

Festival activities will begin Friday afternoon, with the official opening of the festival, and the

Parade of Lights. Activities continue on Saturday and Sunday.

Craig Bragg said one aspect of the fair she would like to see change is the number of vendors at the fair.

“I think we just keep getting bigger and bigger,” she said. “But we’d still like to see more vendors.”

Attendance at the festival is free of charge.

For a complete schedule of festival activities, turn to page 11.

Calendar of events

Chamber schedules quest

Rob Dumont, president of the Tooling, Manufacturing & Technologies Association, will be a guest speaker at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon.

Dumont will discuss the importance of trade policy at a federal level, and how those policies affect state and local businesses.

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Embassy Suites, 8600 Wickham, Romulus.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 am and lunch is at noon.

Reservations can be made by calling the chamber at (734) 893-0694 or by email at info@romuluschamber.com.

Pumpkin Festival bingo

Animals of all stripes are hoping residents will turn out in droves for the annual Pumpkin Festival Bingo fundraiser.

Bingo will take place from 5 p.m.-midnight tomorrow, from 1 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 20 and from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

All of the proceeds earned at the bingo tournament will benefit the 4-year-old effort to construct a new animal shelter on a parcel of city-owned land near the Department of Public Works building.

More than \$130,000 has been collected through local fundraisers like the bingo tournament. The total cost of a new shelter is about \$250,000.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Councilman William Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog at (734) 941-3466.

The Second Monday Book Club

The Romulus Public Library Monday Night Book Club is open to the public.

Book discussions are free and open to all residents age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting inter-library loan copy.

The remaining books that will be analyzed include “At Home in Mitford” by Jan Karon, which will be discussed Oct. 13 and “A River Runs Through It” by Norman Maclean, which will be discussed Nov. 10.

Refreshments will be served.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7539.

Caregiver, support group services

Adult Well Being Services will host caregiver support groups at the September Days Senior Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The monthly meetings provide support, information and encouragement to caregivers of a spouse, parent or others. The group will help family members deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

The services are free, however, participants have the opportunity to make a donation to share in the cost of services. No one will be refused service if they are not able to donate.

Support groups will also take place in Canton, Plymouth, Dearborn Heights, Allen Park, Detroit and other surrounding areas.

For more information, call (313) 359-0736.

—Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Forum

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of economic and social problems,” said Jack Kresnak, president of Michigan’s Children.

“They’ll have trouble finding stable employment, affordable housing and accessible health care,” he added. “They are more likely to commit a crime than their classmates who graduated. And most critically, they are more likely to raise children who go on to not earn a diploma, continuing the

cycle.”

Parents and educators will speak at the forum, along with members of the clergy, and the business and law enforcement community.

Testimony given during the meeting will be recorded and forwarded in report form to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who is hosting a dropout prevention summit Oct. 20.

The meeting will take place from 4-7 p.m. at the Wayne RESA headquarters at 33500 Van Born in Wayne. The public is invited.

Book highlights love of Model T

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The enormous effect the Model T car had on the world is something that fascinates author Bob Casey.

“Henry Ford wanted to make a popular car, sell a lot and make lots of money,” Casey said. “Automobiles changed things, like the architecture of a house, and got people out. Once people could move around in automobiles, you didn’t see them walking by, they were driving and those are the kinds of things that no one planned, but those were the effects of the Model T and the popularity of the automobile.”

Casey’s fascination and work at the Henry Ford Museum are what led him to write his first book “The Model T: A Centennial History.” The book was released in July and includes a complete story of the Model T from building, designing, manufacturing and marketing, according to Casey, a Dearborn resident.

“It tells about what it’s like to drive one and why we’re even concerned about the Model T,” he said.

This car enthusiast, however, doesn’t own a car.

Fortunately for him though, his role as curator of transportation for the Henry Ford Museum since 1991 helped, he said.

“I’ve been a car enthusiast much longer than that so I’ve been reading about them, thinking about them and automotive history is part of my job so it’s (the book) been percolating for about 15-16 years,” said Casey.

“I started writing (about a year prior) once I got the assignment to write the book as part of my job at the museum and I had the benefit of one of the greatest resources for the Model T here (Henry Ford Museum),” he added.

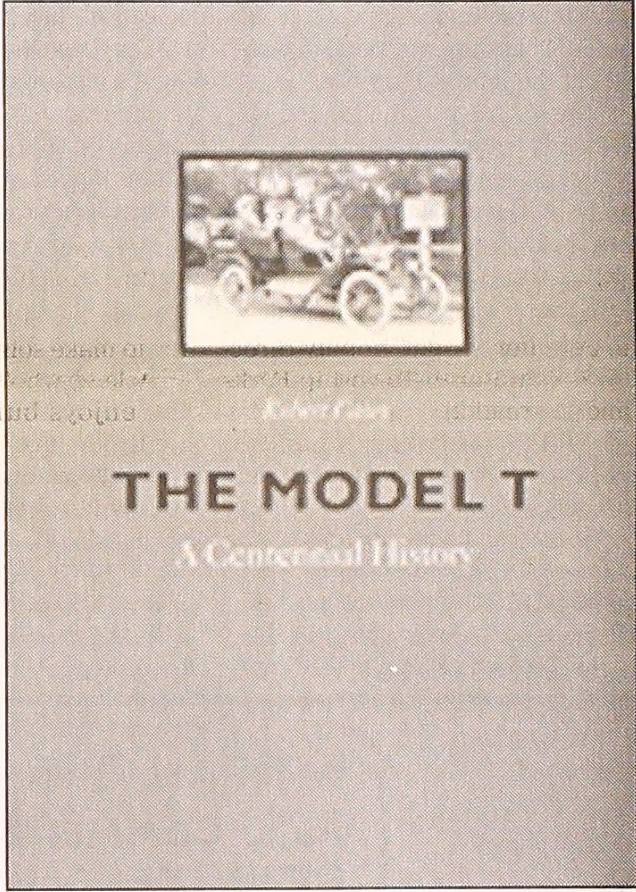
His book illustrates all that research, such as the vehicle design, marketing and how it changed over time.

“When the Model T came out in late October of 1908, it was a thoroughly modern car that was cutting edge,” said Casey. “It had features that made it quite unusual for its time, like the steering wheel on the left side of the car, although most American cars are like that now, back then they were one of the first to put a steering wheel on the left.”

“The engine block was also cast in one piece because it was lighter and less expensive, which was unusual for the time,” he added. “So there are some real technical features about the Model T for its time.”

Modern marketing, similar to today, Casey said also helped the vehicle offering freedom, speed and power: Ford sold the Model T in many ways, including marketing to women in particular—giving them more freedom, getting them out of the house and giving them a modern car, Casey said.

“Horses took a long time to go anywhere and you



The Model T: A Centennial History

couldn’t go far,” he said. “In trying to design the car and meet the demand, the assembly line was eventually developed, which spread rapidly across the country, along with the assembly lines principals.

“When the car first went into production, it was about \$850, but that was considered a lot then because that was above the annual salary,” Casey said. “But, people were able to drive and drive the price down, too, to seven, six, five, four, three hundred and that was the key. It’s things like that with enormous ramifications to a somewhat homely automobile that interest me.”

Soon Casey, 61, will talk about his book and all the history and ramifications of the Model T in November at the Fred C. Fischer Library. Library Director Debra Green said she’s excited to host the newly published author who’s an authority on the subject matter.

“The book just came out, it’s a centennial year for the Model T and a big time in the car world so we’re doing this in conjunction with the Belleville Area Historical Society; a perfect fit,” she said. “We’re hoping to have a Model T on hand, too.”

For more information or to purchase a book, visit the Henry Ford Museum gift shop or Greenfield Village. It is also available at the John Hopkins University Press or Amazon.com for \$24.95.

Van Buren school district cuts staff

At least 22 teachers in the Van Buren Public School District will be laid-off.

Board of Education members approved the cuts on Monday by a 5 to 2 vote at a special meeting/work study session. Board Treasurer Ralph Nodwell and Board Trustee Bob Binert cast votes against the cuts as a protest.

“I didn’t agree with how the meeting was posted and how the bylaws work; it should be two separate meetings,” Binert said. “If there was a need to take action, the meeting should be scheduled separately to have a vote by the board and that’s not what we did. It wasn’t done properly and you can’t arbitrarily decide what, how and when

you’re going to follow bylaws.”

Dr. Linda Olson, director of personnel for the district, reported about 420 students less than last year so far, which prompted officials to approve staff cuts and a freeze on hiring.

“Cuts are made by seniority and subject area,” said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district.

Eliminations will include: six teachers from the elementary schools with one teacher from Edgemont, one teacher from Rawsonville, one gifted and talented teacher from Tyler and three special education teachers. Two teachers from North and South middle schools, along with two special education teachers and four

English Language Arts teachers will be cut from the middle schools. At the high school, one art teacher, one English teacher, one math teacher and two social studies teachers will be cut, while two positions will be absorbed and not filled. Names of staff members eliminated will come later this week, officials said.

The majority of the students lost were from Belleville High School, followed by the two middle schools and then all six of the elementary schools. Olson said the cause seems to be people leaving the state due to unemployment.

Binert said he believes the economy in the area has finally caught up with the school district.

OPINION

Watchful or wasteful?

Sometimes you have to wonder what goes on in the head of George Chedraue.

The Belleville City Councilman cast the lone dissenting vote Monday night on the employment contract for Diana Kollmeyer to step in as the new city manager.

For those who aren't familiar with the situation, here's a little background. Belleville has essentially been without a full-time manager since Steve Walters retired in early 2007. Kollmeyer has acted as an interim manager—as well as her previous duties as clerk and treasurer—for more than a year now, after Walters' replacement, Walter Mears, was fired.

There have been several unsuccessful searches, the most recent of which was spearheaded by the Michigan Municipal League, that turned up a batch of laughable finalists.

Through it all, Kollmeyer has been a steady force.

Chedraue voted against the contract because he didn't want to transfer the sick days Kollmeyer has accrued during her long tenure with the city.

Now we are always quick to

point out that we think government officials have it far too good as far as salary and benefits go, but this is a little short-sighted and silly even for Belleville.

The fact is that Kollmeyer is a good choice for the position. The city won't get what the council evidently considers a more qualified candidate because the city management field seems to operate on the principal that since one of them is overpaid, they all need to be overpaid. Belleville is taking the right approach; they're not throwing money at the problem, they're looking inside to someone who can fix it.

Kollmeyer has long since proved her commitment to the city. She's shown that she can keep things moving forward, despite the plentiful responsibilities thrown her way.

Besides, it's hard to believe she would actually be able to use a sick day, since she's essentially been working nearly three jobs for the city for the past year.

She not only deserves the job, she deserved a unanimous vote for it. It's time for Chedraue to quit nit-picking and start to look at the bigger picture.

Local groups are good start

We like the approach officials in Canton Township are taking to plotting out the future of services—and perhaps facilities—for teens and senior citizens in the community.

The township organized focal groups last week to gather input from those groups on the types of facilities they'd like to see, the programs they'd like offered and to get a general feel of whether the township is heading in the right direction.

It sounds like a common sense approach—and it is—but too often you hear about a municipal entity coming up with a plan and then asking residents whether they like it.

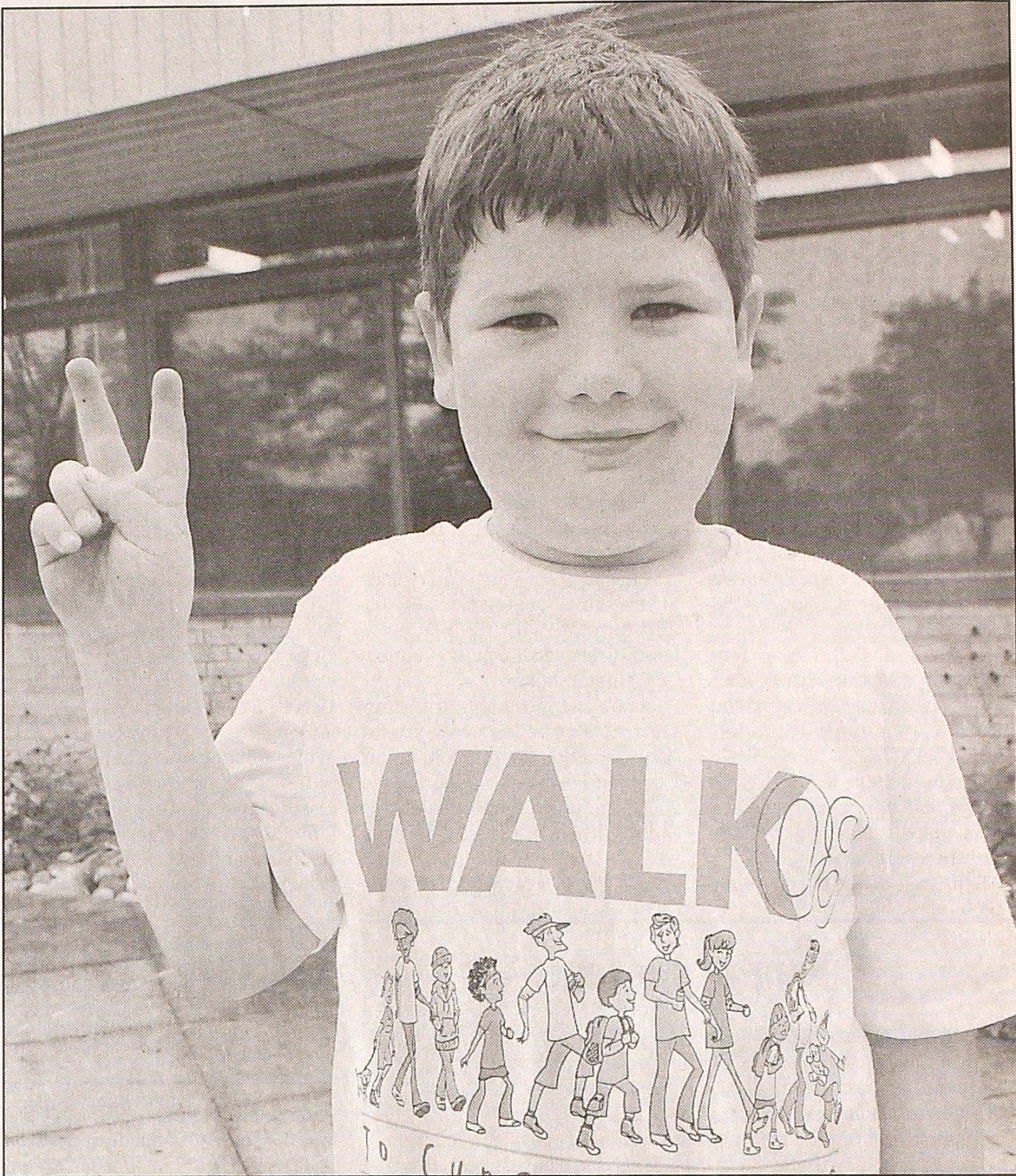
The input from those discussions may lead to an expansion at the Summit on the Park, but before any-

one gets all incensed about government expense during a down economy, it's important to point out that if that decision is made, it will be a long time in the future.

It is important to note, too, that governments are tasked with moving things forward no matter what else may be going on around them. They just need to plan smartly for this progress and to gather the input they need to justify it and sell to residents.

The best way to do that is to get out in front of an issue, get input on it before any kind of plan is developed and let the residents drive the issue forward.

It's good to see Canton doing this. We'd like to see more of it elsewhere, too.



Henry Spielman was one of hundreds of volunteers to take part in the Walk to Cure Diabetes put on by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) at the Hudson Mills Metropark on Sunday. The condition runs on both sides of his family. For more information about juvenile diabetes, visit www.jdrf.org.

Never too young to help others

I had a lot of fun at the juvenile diabetes walk-athon on Sunday.

My friends Toby and Oliver walked with me. We called ourselves Henry's Helpers. It was a good experience and I liked walking along the river.

I did this so I can help the world and everyone with diabetes, so I can cure diabetes. It was at a park in Dexter, but it was worth the drive to help people with

diabetes.

I raised \$530. I don't know how many toys I could buy with that money, but I'd rather try to find a cure for diabetes.

Even though I have to write a thousand thank you notes, it's still worth it. I try to do anything I can do to help.



Kid's Corner
by Henry Spielman



Fan for hire: Will cheer for winner

The other day I saw the battered remnants of a true Detroit Lion fan.

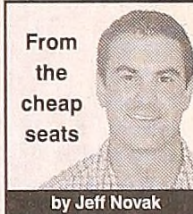
The sorrow in his eyes was unmistakable and the tracks of his tears through the Honolulu blue and silver paint on his face was understandable. His spirit, which was once unbreakable, lay tattered on the floor like a game-day jersey.

As I continued to survey the scene in the mirror I realized this man lost a whole lot more. His hope vanished. Faith eluded him. No dignity remained. And his love for the game was gone. All that remained was the empty shell of the fan he used to be. Only frustration and embarrassment remained.

It's a sad, sad time when a dedicated fan not only accepts but fool heartedly embraces the mediocre practices that the organization dishes out and settles for.

It's amazing it took this long for his spirit to dwindle. The Detroit Lions only had two winning seasons since 1998 and made only five playoff appearances in the last 43 years and only won one of those games.

Last week's loss to the retooled and inexperienced Atlanta Falcons was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back and the embarrassing fourth quarter against the Green Bay Packers at home on Sunday just reinforced the heartbreak. The Leos should



From the cheap seats
by Jeff Novak

A job well done

A special celebration took place in the City of Wayne yesterday.

City and other officials, volunteers and fund-raisers all gathered for the official dedication of the Boundless Playground at Soroptomist Park.

This paper went to print before the 6 p.m. ribbon cutting, but I hope it was well-attended.

This is something that the community should be very proud of. Those who organized it, pushed for it and pulled it off should be prouder still.

The fully handicapped accessible playground is one of only a relative few in the United States. It provides a chance for children of all types of abilities to play together as equals—an opportunity that

they would otherwise have to drive miles in any direction to find.

And it all came true with a relatively small contribution from the city, and plenty of sweat and passion from officials and residents.

The project, which cost about \$370,000, was primarily funded through grants and donations. Money came in from the Wayne County Parks millage, the State of Michigan—through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund—the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and the Association for Retarded Citizens



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

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Local trainer, dogs bring home field-show honors

Scott Spielman
 Editor

The first time proved to be a charm for a couple of young Wayne residents looking to make a name for themselves.

Four-year-old Hunter and 3-year-old Nellie, two German short-haired pointers, entered a hunting competition and not only earned the right to advance, but garnered a lot of attention, according to their owner, Dave Ramier.

"The judges said they were two of the best dogs they had seen all day," he said.

Nellie also took home a Canine Good Citizenship Award.

The competition took place in Highland and featured more than two dozen dogs. They go out in braces—two dogs and their owners—as a judge tags along to keep score. The dogs are graded in areas like hunting ability and enthusiasm, finding birds, pointing and trainability—which is how well they listen to whistles or spoken commands.

They're rated on a scale of 1-10. They need a score higher than a six to qualify, but all areas averaged up must equal a seven or higher for them to move on.

Ramier's dogs didn't score less than an eight.

Ramier has had the dogs since they were pups and trained them to hunt since then. It

starts with a simple game of 'fetch' to get them used to retrieving the fowls. Everything else is essentially instinctive.

"A lot of it is natural," he said. "It was bred into them."

Some of their success last week might be attributed to a hunting trip Raimer took a few weeks back. In northern Michigan, bird populations have been down, but the trio was still lucky enough to flush out two broods of pheasants.

"They were ready to go," he said of the dogs. "I was so proud of them."

It was the drop in bird population—and the desire to save gas—that convinced Ramier to get into the competitions to begin with. He found a park in Highland that puts on practice competitions on the weekends and got involved through that.

Now, he's looking forward to additional training and additional tasks for his dogs. They can earn 'senior dog' status after they successfully complete additional levels of hunting skill competitions and work their way up to master hunters or 'finished dogs,' where they require no direction from their owner.

"The requirements get a little tougher," he said.

Ramier, a retired postal worker, said he is going to put more effort into it now that he has the spare time.



Dave Ramier and Hunter and Nellie earned high marks from the Michigan German Short Hair Club competition recently.

"You come away (from the competition) feeling good," he said. "The dogs learn every time out. You can learn, too, just by watching the other owners."

Woman charged in 10 Canton burglaries

Meghan Chatham
 Staff Writer

An unusual car proved to be the break Canton police needed to solve a series of ongoing home invasion complaints.

Becky Sue Malmsten, 49, of Westland was arraigned last Thursday on charges of home invasion, larceny from a building, and habitual forth offender by Magistrate Eric Colthurst of the 35th District Court.

Canton police allege that Malmsten was "entering through

open garage doors and removing personal property such as purses and laptops from the homes while residents were asleep." The stolen goods have not been recovered.

"She hit two areas in particular—our southeast and our northeast areas," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department. Malmsten allegedly perpetrated heists at about 10 homes in Canton and one home in Westland.

Pomorski said that police were able to trace the thefts to Malmsten in part through surveillance footage.

"We had several video tapes in regards to the victims' credit cards being used," he said.

In one of the videos, officers were able to identify the vehicle used by the person using the stolen credit card as a Daewoo Langos, a relatively uncommon vehicle in Wayne County. After further investigation, officers with the Western Wayne Community Response Team identified and arrested Malmsten.

"She's had priors for retail fraud, receiving and concealing (stolen merchandise), and drugs," he said. He added that Malmsten is

believed to have stolen the goods to support a drug problem.

Malmsten, whose bond is currently set at \$25,000 cash, will return to the 35th District Court tomorrow for her preliminary exam. As part of the preliminary hearing, the prosecuting attorney must convince a judge that there is sufficient evidence that a crime was committed and that the person accused committed the crime to warrant sending the case to trial. The case would then move on to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial.



Becky Sue Malmsten

Church plans special '40-Days of Purpose' initiative

Andrea King
 Staff Writer

For the next 40 days, the Belleville First United Methodist Church wants to celebrate the reason of life.

Inspired by author Rick Warren and his book *The Purpose-Driven Life* and campaign "40 Days of Purpose", church members are hoping the public will take part in the initiative, which starts this weekend.

"We're designed for a purpose," said Pastor Jim Walker. "Life is not a random series of events and you use those things to make them purposeful. It gives meaning and connection to God and other people in the world in which we live."

"I personally know there are things I'm

good at and things I'm bad at, so I try to embrace the things I'm good at," he added. "Another purpose is we're made for a mission. Even if you're not religious, this is a challenge for everyone. It's built around God's existence, but even business people have found some good in it."

Warren, who is also a pastor in California, speaks about why people were put on Earth. Walker said the discussions include talks about life and its meaning in a caring, world-oriented view, not just a religious sense.

"It's to impact the world for the better," he said. "We have plenty of negativity around."

Five days a week, the church will host group readings from the book. The initiative

will start Sept. 20 and continue until Nov. 2. The public is welcome.

Beth Fancher of Belleville and a member of the church said she took part in the program before, and it changed her life.

"I was working 60 hours a week and I wasn't happy," she said. "This made me come to know what I was doing so I was able to make a difference in my life."

"When you do something like this you let it ride for a couple years and see what happens," said Walker. "Some people continue on to do this and some don't so there's all kinds of times and places to get involved in groups for this."

Fancher said she feels others will also get a different view then what 'our society tells us', things like working hard, having lots of money and having a lot of material things are not the true happiness in life, she said.

"That's not what makes people happy; it's not what makes me happy," Fancher said. "For me, it's having a good relationship with God, church and my family."

The campaign will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday with a potluck dinner at the church. Walk-ins and registrations are welcome. For more information, contact the Belleville First United Methodist Church at (734) 697-9288.

Township OKs tax abatements

Van Buren Township trustees recently approved tax abatements for the Envelope Printery Inc. and Die-Namic Inc.

Envelope Printery Inc. will qualify for a four-year abatement for \$2 million in personal property. Based on the existing tax rate, they would pay about \$19,877 in township taxes and with the abatement only about \$9,939. The project is expected to create six

new jobs, officials said.

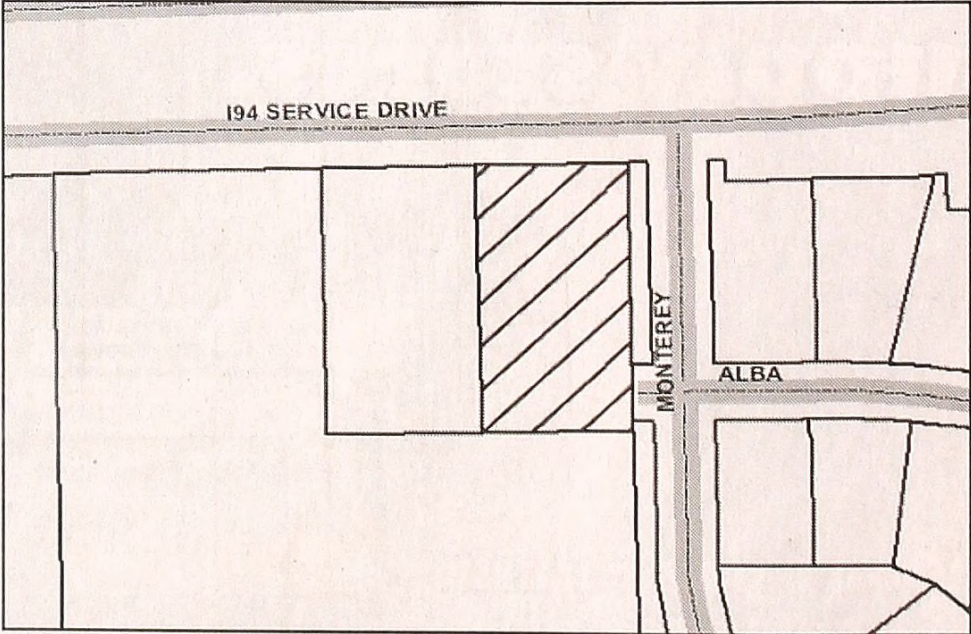
Die-Namic Inc. will qualify for a six-year abatement for \$834,307 in personal property and, based on the existing tax rate, over the period with the abatement, they would pay about \$10,160 in township taxes. However, with the abatement they will pay about \$5,080. About 24 jobs will be added to the township employment base, according to officials.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111 on Wednesday October 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The public Hearing relates to the following described property:

The property is located on west side of Monterey Drive, between the I-94 S. Service Drive and Alba Court, tax ID number V125-83-090-0010-001, or more commonly known as 11400 Monterey Drive. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting a modification to construct a detached accessory building with an area that exceeds the maximum permitted ground coverage by 2076 square feet as regulated by Section 4.14 of the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUESTS TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- BID 08/09-01Two (2) Vehicles
- BID 08/09-02 Office Furniture - Finance Department
- BID 08/09-03 In Car Video Equipment - RPD
- BID 08/09-05 Heater Boiler Replacement RFD #2
- BID 08/09-06 Digital Interview Room Management System

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

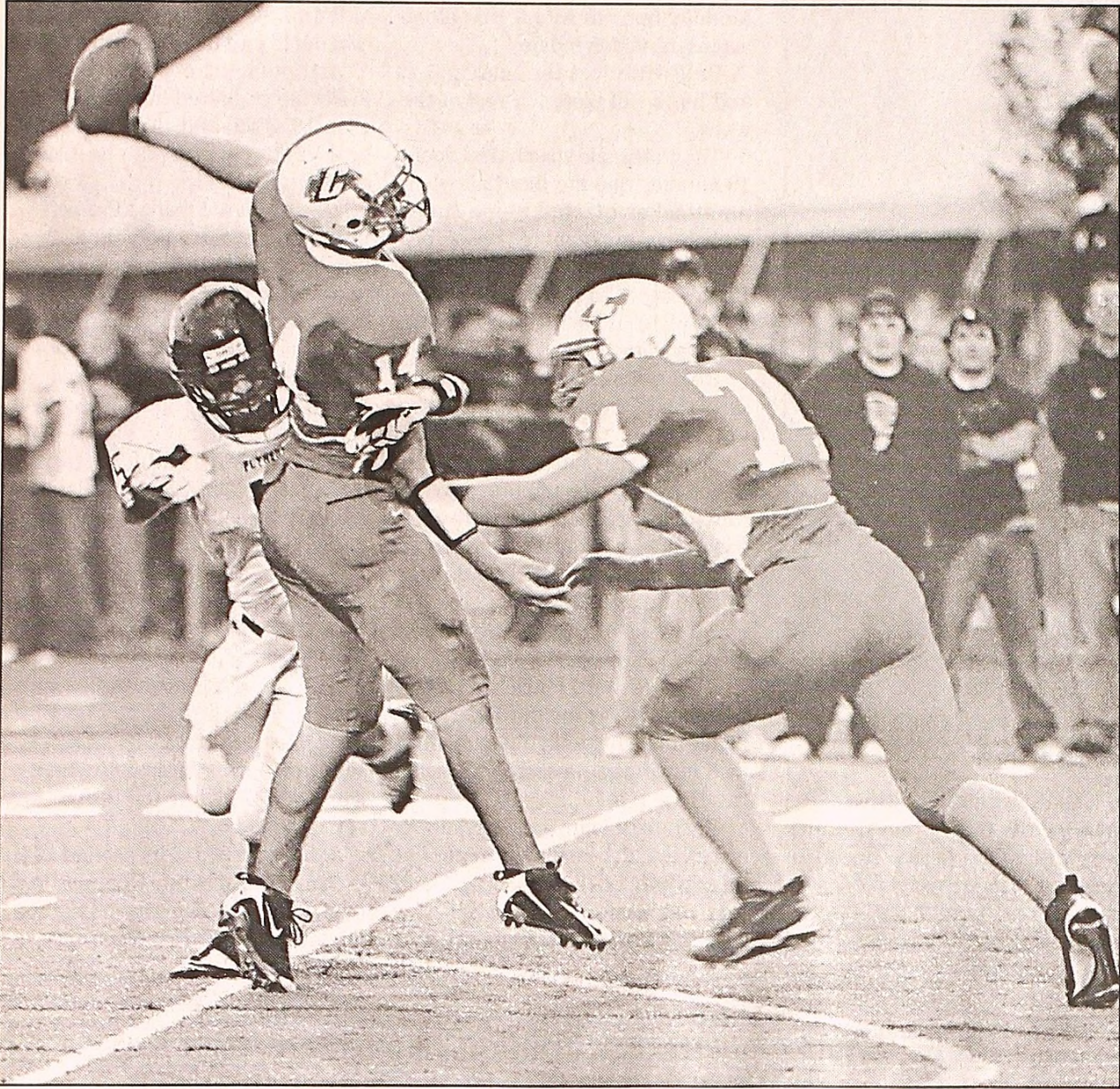
1. Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Agent, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or under Departments, in the Purchasing Department from the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://ci.romulus.mi.us>
2. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 p.m.,

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO: BID #
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
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 Romulus, Michigan, 48174

3. At approximately 3:15p.m. bids received shall be publicly opened and read
4. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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SPORTS



A Plymouth defender wraps up Canton junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz as he releases the ball. The pass was complete for a first down to keep a drive alive in the Chiefs' 26-16 victory.

Midline crisis Canton downs rival Plymouth

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs are known for their trapping and misdirection on offense, but it was a single midline play in the second half that separated them from rival Plymouth on Friday night.

The play sent running back Adam Payter racing 48-yards for a score that put the Chiefs up, 17-10. The lead held as Canton pulled out a 26-16 victory over the visiting Wildcats.

The midline play—the same as a trap but without pulling—was a hybrid of a similar play they ran last year against the Cats.

“We knew if we ran a certain play and gave a certain look then gave it to the fullback instead of the quarterback keeping it, both backers would run out of there and they both did and (Payter) just spit them,” said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. “I knew drawing it up, if they do what they did last year on this play, Payter is going to hit his head on the goal post.”

There was no head butting the goal post, but Payter did head off the field as the night's leading rusher—254 yards on 18 attempts and two scores.

The rest of the contest was a defensive grudge match where the Chiefs won the battles in the trenches. Canton limited Plymouth to 143 yards rushing. Plymouth senior running back Terrance Guthridge accounted for 112 of them.

“I thought that in the first half the really battled and stopped the run well,” Baechler said. “They made an adjustment in the second half and we had to readjust and thank god we got a lead and then got the two points on the safety.”

Plymouth was better through the air on the arm of senior quarterback Matt Skubik, who was 13-of-30 for 183 yards with a touchdown pass.

In the end it was mental errors that fell Plymouth.

Trailing, 17-10, with 40 seconds left in the third, a bad punt snap went through the back of the Plymouth end zone, awarding Canton two points for a safety.

“We made too many mistakes; too many mental errors and they made a couple more plays than we did,” said Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuk. “Our young defensive line didn't squeeze trap and they broke a couple long fullback runs.”

Canton showed they meant busi-

ness on its first drive. Quarterback Kevin Delapaz capped off a 10-play drive with a 4-yard score. Dan Stoney nailed the extra point for a Canton, 7-0, advantage.

Plymouth didn't answer until the second quarter when sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza split the uprights with a 41-yard field goal about half way through the frame.

Canton's defense stepped up with an interception by Dave Wilcox with 1:08 left in the half. The turnover set up Stoney's 28-yard field goal to give the Chiefs a 10-3 advantage, heading into halftime.

Plymouth got back into the game in the third. Their first drive of the third melted seven minutes off the period. Skubik finished with a 1-yard push across the goal line to even things up at 10.

“We said we need to be more physical then they are,” Sawchuk said. “We should have done that in the first half.”

Payter scored with 2:40 left in he third and Canton got the safety to go up, 19-10. The Chiefs' defense spoiled Plymouth's next drive with an interception by Nick Sweda. That set up Payter for a 12-yard sprint to the end zone for a 26-10 lead five seconds into the fourth.

Plymouth finished the scoring with a 16-yard pass by Skubik to Michael Rose.

The real story was Canton's defense that held a speedy Plymouth offense in check for most to the night.

“Our defense battled,” Baechler said. “They played great. I'm so proud of those guys. We still have a lot of work to do, though.”

Both teams were undefeated going into the contest and have to get ready for next week.

“We know we can play with anybody,” Sawchuk said. “We just have to be mentally tough. That's where we have to go as program. If we want to get to the level that Canton is at and the constancy that they have then we have to be mentally tough. We have the players; we have the size and the speed—we just have to be mentally tougher.”

“A sign of a good team is how they come back on Monday,” he added. “Do they sit back and whine and moan about this or do they come back hungry? Hopefully they come back hungry.”

Canton aims to stay undefeated when they visit John Glenn and Plymouth hopes to bounce back when it host Wayne at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Inkster gridgers shut out Thurston

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster proved last week that even with one less day of practice they could still pull off a stunning win.

For the first time in his career Greg Carter didn't have practice the day before a game. It wasn't because he didn't want to it was because he couldn't. Inkster High School lost power last Thursday and school was cancelled and so was practice. On top of that, the Wednesday practice was cut short due to poor weather conditions.

That still didn't matter to the Vikings, who shut out Thurston, 38-0, on Friday.

Inkster started a little slow but still came out on top, 12-0, at the end of the first half.

The Vikings struggled last week on the ground in a disappointing loss to Highland Park. This week they earned the victory through the air. Of the team's six touchdowns junior quarterback Devin Gardner scored five of them—three on passes and two on the ground.

“Devin played really well for us in that game,” Carter said. “He completed some passes for us and made some things happen. Our offensive line did a good job of giving him time so he didn't have to rush things.”

Gardner finished 14-of-18 for 258 yards and had 12 carries for 62 yards.

It took almost the entire first quarter before Inkster got on the board. Gardner hooked up with sophomore tailback Donovan Lindsay for a six-yard touchdown pass with 2:38 left in the period. Gardner followed up with a 36-yard touchdown pass to senior wideout Jonathan Taylor with three seconds left in the half.

Inkster attempted two-point conversions on both scores but came up short for the 12-0 half-time advantage.

Gardner continued to pick apart the Thurston defense in the second half.

He broke free for a 35-yard touchdown run with about 10:05 left in the third.

Senior defensive back DeSean McGhee forced a fumble to set up the play. Senior linebacker Cameron Gordon picked it up and ran it in but the score was called back on a penalty.

With 9:03 left in the third Gardner hit senior wide receiver Eric Williams with a 13-yard scoring pass. Both two-point conversion attempts failed in the third quarter but Inkster led, 24-0.

The defense rallied again in the fourth. Junior defensive back Terrence Stevens nabbed an interception 20 seconds into the final quarter. Gardner, 16 seconds later, ran in his fifth touchdown of the day from 18 yards out. The two-point conversion was good for a 32-point advantage.

Two minutes later, senior running back Kevin Brown scampered 48 yards to pay dirt. The point after attempt missed.

Gordon had a solid day on both sides of the ball. He grabbed four passes for 85 yards and had an interception and a fumble recovery.

The ground game showed some improvement.

Brown finished with 56 yards on three carries. Senior running back Alan Freeman had 44 yards on eight tries and had two receptions for 37 yards.

“The offense made some plays,” Carter said, “but it was the entire defensive unit that played well for us. We're showing improvement.”

Inkster will be tested this week when Edsel Ford's offense comes to town at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

“They are in first place and have been running over everyone,” Carter said. “If we play the way that we're capable of we will be all right. We won't be able to stop them completely but we will slow them down.”

Romulus improve, 2-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

If there were any concerns about the lingering affects of the winless 2007 season for the Romulus varsity football team they are long gone.

The Eagles improved to 2-1 on their 2008 campaign when they squeezed out a 13-12 victory over the Polar Bears in Highland Park on Friday night.

The game looked like it could go the other way with the Bears ahead 12-7 in the fourth quarter. That didn't matter to the Eagles as they regrouped and put together their last drive. Senior quarterback Rodney Colfield tucked the ball under his arm and ran for daylight to score the winning touchdown with about 3:00 left to play.

The two-point conversion attempt fell short but that didn't matter. The defense did its job the rest of the way and shut down the potentially explosive Bear offense.

That determination to win was something that last year's 0-9 squad lacked, according to Romulus Coach Keith Wittkopp.

“Last year if they would have scored on us late like that they typically would have just shut down,” Wittkopp said. “In this game they were excited and showed me that they have the determination needed to come back and win.”

The defense played tough the entire way, Wittkopp said.

The Eagle defenders put the team on the board first. Senior defensive back Fred Butler snagged an interception and returned it 48 yards for a score.

The point after attempt was good by senior Jon Hawbaker for a 7-0 lead.

Highland Park answered in the second quarter with a scoring run. The Bears' two-point conversion failed, leaving the Eagles with a one-point lead headed into the intermission.

After a scoreless third quarter Highland Park scored again but

missed on the two-point conversion attempt to make it 12-7.

Romulus only had 130 yards of offense-72 rushing and 58 passing-but it was enough.

Junior running back Marcel

Rogers led the ground attack with 33 yards. Most of the receiving yards came on senior receiver Hawbaker's 45-yard catch that helped set up Colfield's winning sneak.

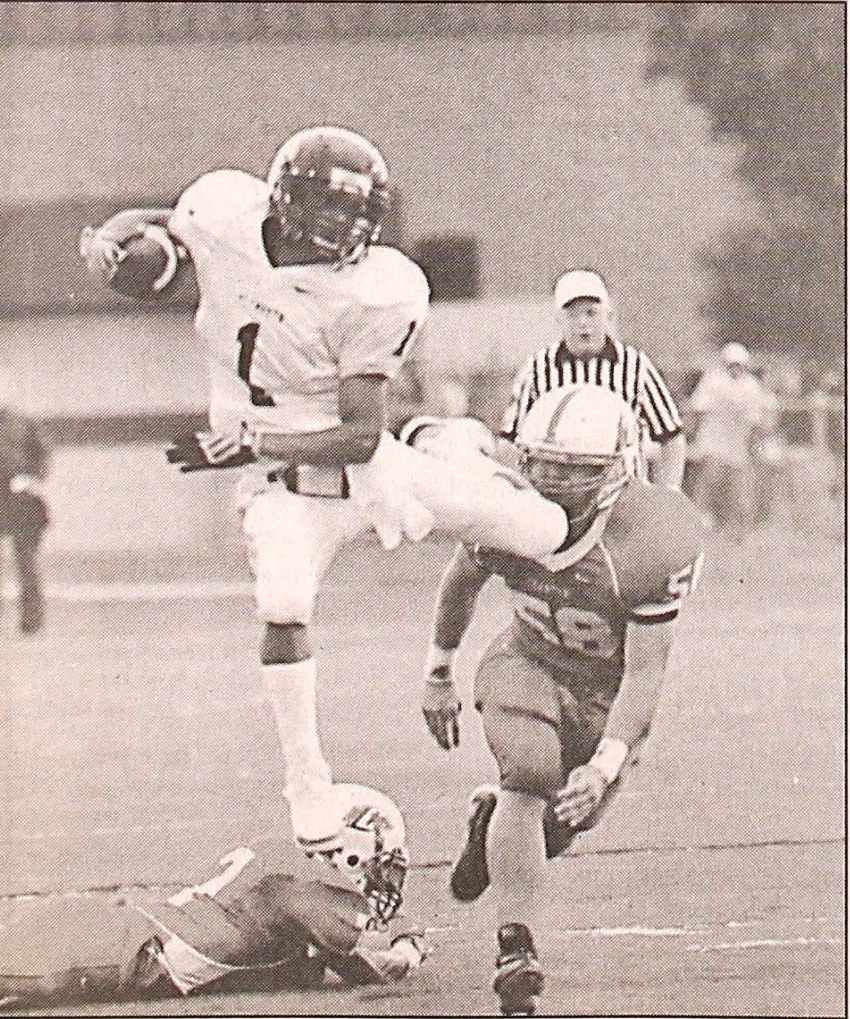
The rest of the success rested with the defense.

The Eagle defense nabbed three interceptions. Butler had two and senior defensive back Antonio Brown had the other. Junior lineman Armonti Yharbrough recovered a fumble.

“It feels good,” Wittkopp said. “The kids worked really hard. It was an up and down game that got really exciting at the end. We still have places to improve but I think we're headed in the right direction right now.”

Romulus hosts Melvindale's Cardinal spread offense at 4 p.m. on Friday.

“Their spread offense will be hard to cover,” Wittkopp said. “We'll see what our secondary is made of but they've been pretty solid so far.”



Plymouth's Terrence Guthridge jumps over a Canton defender during a rival match on Friday night.

SPORTS



Belleville senior quarterback tries to escape a Fordson defender on Friday night. Belleville had a tough time digging out an early hole against the visiting Tractors and fell, 44-24. Photo by Ken Garner

Tractor pull

Belleville falls to Dearborn Fordson

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville lost their third straight game on the grid-iron this season. Mega Red rival Dearborn Fordson was the latest to deal the struggling Tigers a loss in a 26-6 contest on Friday. The Tigers looked good in the opening drive when they moved the ball 80 yards on a 20-play drive that ate up a good chunk of the first quarter and some of the second. But they failed to convert the series into points, when they missed a field goal. “That was disappointing to have big drive like that and we still couldn’t come up with any points,” said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. Fordson didn’t take long to answer. They scored almost immediately on an 80-yard pass play on their first drive of the second frame. Then Belleville gave up a safety to give Fordson a 9-0 lead. On the next drive the Tractors plowed into the end zone on a 10-yard run for a 16-0 lead. Fordson capped off the first half with a 42-yard field goal for a 19-0 half-time advantage. Belleville opened the second half with a three-and-out series. Fordson capitalized on their first drive of the new half with a 10-yard touchdown run, improving its lead to 26-0.

The Tigers got on the board with its last drive of the game. Belleville went 83 yards on six plays. Junior halfback Keenen Hayes finished the series off with an 11-yard jaunt in the end zone. Belleville had opportunities to get back into the game but couldn’t get things going. The Tigers stymied a 65-yard Fordson drive when they forced and recovered a fumble. Belleville dropped a pass in the end zone earlier that could have closed the gap. “I think we did some things well but we gave up two big plays that really hurt us,” said LaPointe. “Those plays and the safety put us in a hole that we couldn’t get out of.” Hayes led the offense with 98 yards rushing on 10 carries and junior fullback Antonio LaBoda added 73. Senior defensive ends Josh Robakiewicz and Kaare Cigan and junior outside linebacker Tyler Scheider played well on offense, said LaPointe. Belleville heads to Southgate at 7 p.m. on Friday.



Belleville junior fullback Antonio LaBoda plows through the Fordson line. Photo by Ken Garner

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
CITY OF ROMULUS BID 08/09-07 as part of
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The City of Romulus, Michigan is participating along with the City of Riverview and the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of seventeen (17) other downriver government agencies, to acquire contract pricing for Gasoline and Diesel Fuels. Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk, 14100 Civic Park Drive, Riverview, Michigan until 2:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time, Thursday, October 2, 2008, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

BID #2067 — GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUELS

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director at the above address. All bids must be plainly marked on the envelope, “BID #2067 - GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUELS”.

The City of Riverview reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive defects in bidding in the best interest of the City.

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Cards trip up Tigers

The Belleville Tiger soccer team was looking to move closer to the top spot in the Mega Blue on Monday but ran into a roadblock against host Melvindale. Belleville lost the match, 3-2, and has a full plate the rest of the week. The Cardinals struck first about 18 minutes into the first half when an attacker blasted a one-timer rocket past sophomore goalkeeper Robert VanAssche, according to Belleville Coach Brent Held. Belleville trailed, 1-0, at the halfway mark. Held switched up goalies in the second half, putting in junior Jesse Childers. Melvindale made it a two-point deficit about three minutes into the new half. A Belleville defender tried to clear a corner kick only to have it ricochet off a Melvindale player and into the net. All was not lost as the Tigers mounted their comeback. Junior forward Patrick Mudroch got things going for the Tigers. He batted in a shot with about 16 minutes left in the second half to narrow the gap, 2-1. Then freshman Dan Gernie was credited with a goal about a minute later when he fired a corner kick that was tipped into the net by a Cardinal player. The goal knotted things up at 2. But than all was lost when Childers knocked down another Melvindale corner kick into his own net to put the game away, 3-2. Although the Tigers lost, Belleville peppered the Card’s goal with 16 shots and possessed the ball 75-80 percent of the time, according to Held. “That was my fear at the beginning of the season—not finding that finishing touch,” Held said. “They had a really good goalkeeper. It was a matter of keeping him moving side to side and we didn’t do that.” Belleville seemed like it had its finishing touch figured out two weeks ago when the Tigers won three straight games against Romulus, Redford and Ypsilanti—amassing eight goals in the later two games. The Tigers troubles started against Thurston last Monday. Belleville posted 12 shots in the 0-0 tie. The squad has been rattled with injuries to top players like Ben Martin and Mudroch the entire season, prompting Held to bring up freshman Gernie from the junior varsity squad. Belleville starts its second half of the season, hosting Romulus at 4 p.m. on Friday. The Tigers beat the Eagles, 1-0, in the first meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-292**
2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 25, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-293**

- 3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution honoring the Bravery of Michael Deverich who in 1973, paid the ultimate sacrifice, while fighting a fire on board the USS Kitty Hawk.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-294**

- 4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Charles Wands Jr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-295**

- 5A. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement for the 2008 Sub-recipient Agreement for Wayne County, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-296**

- 5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with Tom Wilson, DPW Director and legal counsel to adopt the resolution in support of the DCC participation in the Governor’s Centers for Regional Excellence Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously. **08-297**

- 6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final approval of Budget Amendments 07/08-36, 07/08-37 and 07/08-38, introduced at the Council Meeting held August 25, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 2, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS

Football players with books tackle illiteracy

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebra varsity football team is usually busy attacking opponents on the gridiron.

This year players, in their spare time, are heading to the classrooms and tackling a new rival—illiteracy.

Last week senior running back Richard Haley, senior quarterback Nick Kostora, senior line-backer Alex Bledsoe, senior linemen Josh Farmer and Eric Story and senior wide receiver CJ Johnson traded in their Riddell football pads for Dr. Seuss books as they headed to Lincoln Elementary School classrooms to read to the students.

The program, tentatively called Football Players with Books Helping Students, is the brainchild of first-year Wayne coach Kevin Weber. Weber—also a teacher in the district—said he wanted to establish a solid relationship with the community and elementary schools and help students improve their grades.

“I was from a small town where there was a lot of connection between the high school and the elementary schools,” he said. “When we came out today some of the kids weren’t real sure what Wayne Memorial is. They need to understand that they are going to go to Wayne Memorial some day and establish that and give them something to look forward to rather than have it be such a scary thing.”

The program is designed to promote literacy with younger students. After Haley, Bledsoe and Farmer alternated reading pages from Seuss’s “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!” to a third grade class, they talked about the importance of academics in the world of high school sports.

The players finished off the

day by taking the classes out for recess.

“I think it’s so important for the kids to see what they need to do to reach their goals,” said Allison Remer, a third grade teacher at Lincoln. “There are a lot of kids in here who are excited to get to middle school and high school to play sports. This is huge for them to see kids that are actually there playing football and to understand that they need to stay in school and get good grades to get on a team.”

“Grades always come first,” she added. “This will motivate them to do well. I think it’s wonderful. My kids were so excited to meet the football players.”

Weber believes the more work that is done at an early age will help stymie illiteracy at the higher grades.

“Literacy is such an important piece especially when they are young, developing those reading skills,” he said. “It’s kind of silly trying to help out a ninth grader knowing we can fix the problem when they are in third, fourth, fifth grade.”

Weber also wants the program to be a good experience for players who volunteer.

“I wanted an opportunity for my kids to be able to model some of the things that we talk about,” he said. “We talk a lot about leadership and this is a time for them to demonstrate that. It is a good thing to do for the younger kids who want to play sports. They can see football players who they look up to reading and hopefully that will help motivate them.”

While some of the players looked more nervous reading in front of the younger children than they do at game time, CJ Johnson was enjoying the time interacting with the students.

“It’s pretty cool to be able to interact with the kids like that, he



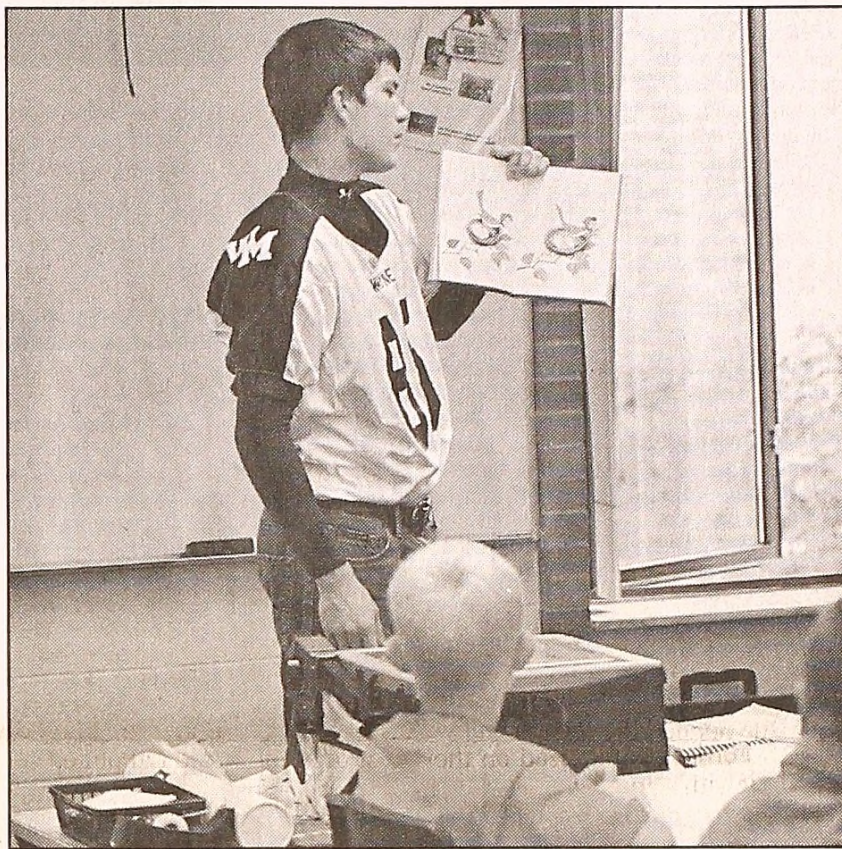
Zebra football team members Alex Bledsoe, Josh Farmer, and Richard Haley, read ‘Oh, The Places You Will Go’ to third grade students at Lincoln Elementary Schools last week as part of a program coach Kevin Weber has started.

said. I was given the opportunity to be a part of this and I said absolutely. It is important to show responsibility and leadership in the community. A lot of these kids will be going into middle school, going into high school and they are going to want to realize what’s going on and what’s expected of them.”

Weber and his reading Zebras will continue to visit classes throughout Wayne during the school year.

“Not that we’re going to save the world today, but if we can help one kid then it’s worth it,” he said. “I just hope that this continues to grow. It’s a great experience for the classes we visit and it’s a great experience for my players, too.”

Wayne senior receiver CJ Johnson (right), was excited to interact with the younger students at Lincoln Elementary.



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1. Obituaries

Patricia Ann Newton
Age 68 of St Petersburg,
Florida died August 28,
2008. Born in Wayne, MI
and was of the Lutheran
Faith. Survived by
Husband, Donald R. Newton;
daughters; Linda Douglas,
Vicky Payne and Sheri
Touchet (& Charles); 8
Grandchildren and 3 Great
Grandchildren. Donations
to Hospice. Services Sat.,
September 20th, 12pm-4pm
at Phillips Funeral
Home, 122 W. Lake St., South
Lyon, MI 48178



Harry Steven Smith, Jr.

Sunrise June 16, 1958
Sunset September 4, 2008

Steve leaves to cherish his
precious memories, (seven
children)-four daughters:
Rashida, Sharnia, Shatee
and Kalisha, three sons,
Steven "Maurice", Eric
"Dewey" and Brian, five sis-
ters: Severne (Jesse),
Donna (Renard), Alisa
(Kenneth), Sandra (Philip),
and Shannon, four broth-
ers: Bryon (Cynthia), Robert
(Deborah), Paul and Whitney
(Susan), nine grandchildren,
and a host of aunts, nieces,
nephews, cousins and a
special friend from early

childhood Rodney Holt.

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Elder Paulette Perdue,
Officiating

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4800 Curtis Rd
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Sandra Elaine Gant-Strong

Sunrise March 27, 1946
Sunset September 3, 2008
Sandra leaves to cherish her
memory: two children
Kateesha Gant and Kelly
Strong both of Inkster, MI;
four grandchildren: India Orr,
Kelice, Terrah and Kerrah
Washington; ex-husband,
Alfred "Jack" Strong; five sis-
ters: Lola Mae Bennet of
Columbus, Ohio, Deery
Creech (James) of
Jacksonville, Florida Emma
Louise Epps of Valdosta,
Georgia, Veronica Milton of
Toledo, Ohio and Yvonne
Johnson of Detroit, MI. She
was preceded in death by
two brothers: J.W. and Hugh
Epps.

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Inkster, MI 48141

Elder Ronald P. Springer,
Officiant

Tri County Cremation
Service
Ypsilanti, MI



Annie Pearl (Auntie) Ford

Sunrise May 26, 1930
Sunset September 5, 2008

Annie Pearl leaves to cher-
ish her memory, Allen
Hollins and Keith Crawford
both whom preceded her in
death Vivian Green, Johnny
Hollins, Ernestine (Maurice)
Gant.

Annie Pearl had three sisters
Eleanor Rolle, Mildred
Dixon, Ernestine Crawford,
six brothers, J.W., Ernest,
Soloman, R.J., Tal and Joe
Crawford all of which pre-
ceded her in death; three
sister-in-laws, Annie Pearl
Crawford of Detroit, MI,
Juanita Crawford of Miami,
FL, one brother-in-law
James Dixon of Inkster, MI.
The remainder of Anne
Pearl's vast extended family
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2 great grand-children and a
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church family, neighbors
and friends, all of whom
loved her and will miss
her dearly.

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In Loving Memory of
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January 19, 1980-August
30, 2008

Saturday, September
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MI 48141

Rita Renee Whitten was born
the daughter to Annie
Whitten and James

John on January 19, 1980 in
Detroit, MI. Rita grew up in
Detroit's Herman Gardens
and attended Cody High
School where she met and
made several Life Long
Friends. At the time of her
death she was employed at
Taylor's Fire Mountain Grill,
where she had been work-
ing for many years. Rita was
preceded in death by both
parents and three aunts;
Elea Williams, Marbelene
Moore and Louise Smith.
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Felicia Sims and her adopt-
ed family Robert (Bobby) and
Faith Johnson, a host of
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On September 24, 2008, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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1FBJS31H5LHB37398
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3MARM10J7RR633103
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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Township
Clerk, Published:
September 18, 2008

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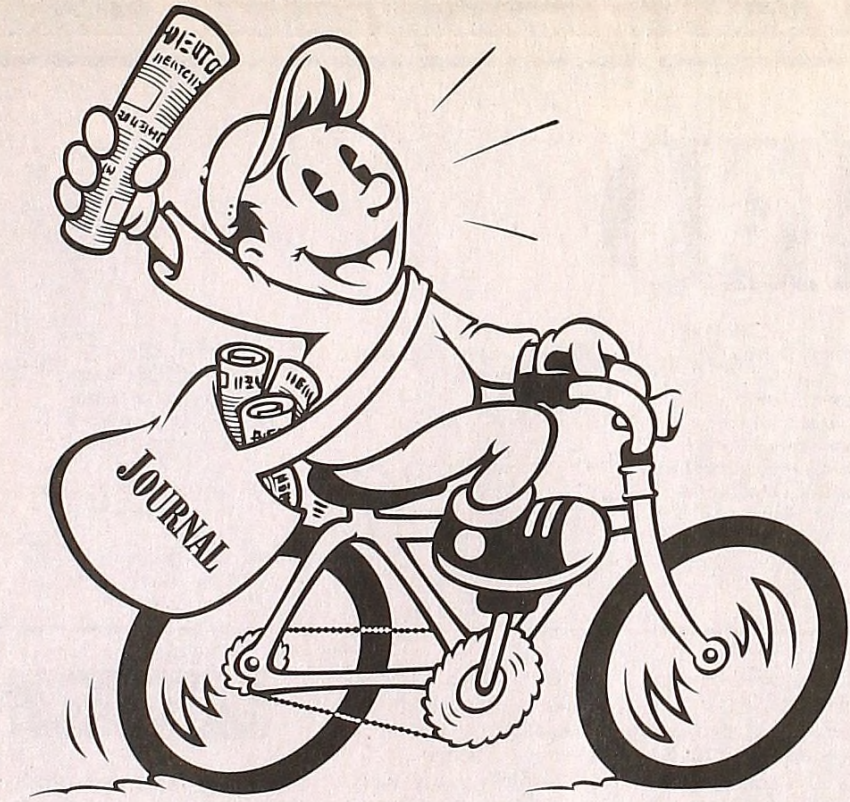
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THE SCENE



The crowds seem to enjoy the music of than band The Trilogy, which has played at the festival for 10 years.

Bands play on Variety of musical entertainment will be featured at Romulus Pumpkin Festival

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Music will flow from the main stage of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival again, despite the budget constraints festival organizers faced this year.

Maria Lambert, chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority, said that entertainment would be pared back, but that there is still a varied collection of bands prepared to bring popular music to interested ears.

"Our revenue comes from the advertising book let that we hand out," she said. "Sales were down this year, but we think we did a good job of finding high quality

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bands, even more so then other festivals in the area."

Ellen Craig-Bragg, a councilwoman and the entertainment

coordinator for the event, worked with less money, but that was only one factor is getting the best entertainment for the festival.

Lambert said festival visitors expect a big offering when it comes to music.

"We try to keep in mind the differences in people's tastes, and also culture," she said.

Several homegrown bands will once again take the stage this year, including Channel Six, a pop-rock ensemble, which boasts several native Romulus residents as members.

Lambert said she believes the festival should support local groups.

"Channel Six are homegrown, and at this point, I don't think we'd even think about not having them," she said.

Another group with several local members is Trilogy, a self-described "ultimate variety" band that has performed top 40, oldies, jazz, rock and other genres of music for 10 years at the festival.

"I have to say that this is the only festival where we perform that has a light show," said Tim Adkins, the keyboardist for Trilogy.

"They always have us back on Friday nights, and we find that the crowd is receptive," he said. "We enjoy going back to the festival each year."

One band that will not make an appearance this year is the Mayor's Band, which features Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert on drums. The band will not appear this year because of the illness of one of the members, but some of the other members will play in another band called Aces & Eights, which is making its Pumpkin Festival debut.

Several other bands will take the stage during the three-day festival, including Second Wind, a rock cover band that has appeared at other festivals in the area.

Saturday entertainment begins at 11 a.m. with a karate demonstration, followed by Ministry in Motion and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Voices of Praise Youth Choir, Symbols of Soul.

At 1:30 p.m., Fiddlers Restrung will take the stage to perform a variety of traditional and contemporary offerings; followed by Starfire and Aces & Eights both of which are rock bands; Groove Essential, a funk band; and Loose Dogs Bite and Channel Six, both of which offer a pop-rock sound.

Sunday, the music schedule slows down the pace a bit, beginning with inspirations music at 10:30 a.m. followed by a second performance by Ministry in Motion, the choir of Calvary Baptist Church and ChillFX, a jazz group.

This year, Waco will close out the festival.



Members of Trilogy perform at an area festival.

Pumpkin Festival Events

Friday, Sept. 19

Canning Contest:

All entries must be made by the participant. Only tomatoes, green beans, pickles and fruit will be accepted for judging.

Best Pie:

The only pies that will be judged are pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple. All entries must be covered in cellophane.

Largest Pumpkin:

Pumpkins will be judged on size this year.

Sunflower Growing:

Categories for a single blossom this year include the tallest, and the largest face.

All entries must be received at the Romulus Recreation Building, 11189 Shook, before 4 p.m. Friday. Winners for each contest will be announced at the hospitality tent at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

5 p.m. — midnight.

Bingo to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter, Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road

6 p.m.

Pumpkin Festival officially opens

8 p.m.

Romulus Rotary "Parade of Lights"

Parade line-up will begin at 6 p.m. at the city municipal lot on Wayne Road. There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners.

Saturday, Sept. 20

7 a.m. — noon

Pancake breakfast, served by members of the Boy Scout Troop 872, Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road

10 a.m.

Three-on-three basketball, Mary Ann Banks Park, Goddard Road and Five Points

10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

St. Aloysius White Elephant Sale, Neville Street and Ozga Road

11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Cruisin' 2008 Car Show, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

11 a.m.

Roller Hockey Tournament, Elmer Johnson Park, Ozga Road between Tyler and McBride streets

11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Chicken dinners, Progressive Hall, Ozga Road at Five Points

11 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Used book sale, sponsored by the Romulus Library, Goddard Road and Olive Street

12:30 p.m.

Pumpkin rolling contest, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

1 p.m.

Punkin' Chuckin' contest, Olive Street between Bibbins and Grant roads.

Must be 18 or older to participate.

1 p.m. — midnight

Bingo to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter, Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road

1:30 p.m.

Sack race, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

2:30 p.m.

Treasure hunt, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

4 — 7 p.m.

Spaghetti dinners, Community United Methodist Church, Olive Street and Bibbins Road

Children under 5 years old eat free.

Sunday, Sept. 21

8 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Tractor and Lawn Show, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

Noon. — 6 p.m.

Used book sale, sponsored by the Romulus Library, Goddard Road and Olive Street

Noon — 7 p.m.

Bingo to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter, Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road

Noon — 4 p.m.

Steak dinners, sponsored by St. Aloysius Church, Neville Street and Ozga Road

Noon — 4 p.m.

St. Aloysius White Elephant Sale, Neville Street and Ozga Road

12:30 p.m.

Giant airplane race, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

1:30 p.m.

Marshmallow races, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

2:30 p.m.

Pumpkin pie-eating contest, Historical Park, Goddard Road and Hunt Street

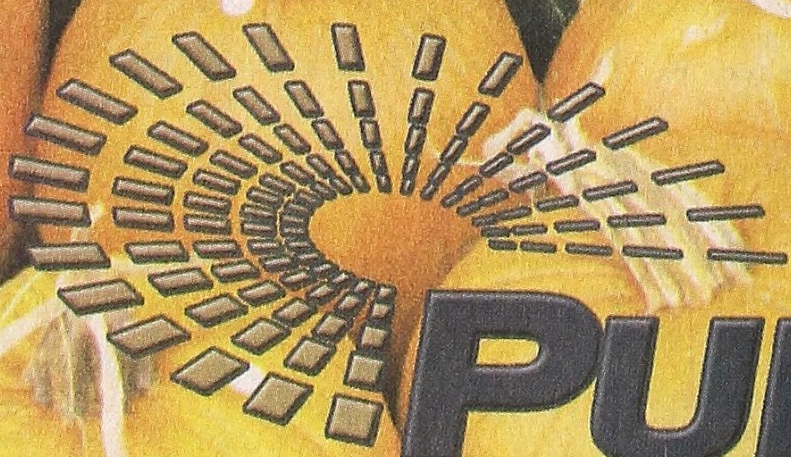


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